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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: The teacher is entitled to avail himself of 12 months' leave on medical certificate on half pay. It is not obligatory. May I request the Government to see that these teachers when they go on sick leave are permitted to commute the 12 months' half-pay leave into leave for six months on full pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is a suggestion for action which might be considered at the appropriate time.

Municipal Elementary Schools

3-10 p.m. * 84 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Municipal Elementary Schools housed in rented buildings in Villupuram Municipal limits; and

(*b*) whether there is any scheme to construct new buildings to house them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Seven, Sir.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI S. NATARAJAN: May I know, Sir, the expenditure incurred on paying rent?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: About Rs. 250 or Rs. 270.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: What is the policy of the Government so far as the construction of buildings for elementary schools is concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: This is a municipal elementary school. Municipalities will have priorities fixed for these. I do not think we can issue any directions in this matter.

School Improvement Projects

* 85 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of school improvement projects in respect of elementary schools in the State; and

(*b*) the contributions made by the public in this regard?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) 114 School Improvement Conferences have been held in the various districts up to 4th May 1960.

(*b*) About Rs. 3·79 crores.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is this contribution in cash or in kind?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Both, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are inventories maintained with regard to the articles received from the public? Are accounts maintained with regard to cash?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir.